

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-31, 34 and 35 are pending. Claims 32 and 33 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-16, 18-31, 34 and 35.

The Amendment filed on July 25, 2005 stands objected to as allegedly introducing new matter in the specification. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the term PVAC is not defined by the specification. In response, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 4,471,043, at column 1, line 60, where PVAC is defined as polyvinyl acetate. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested. A copy of the '043 patent is attached.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to be enabled by the specification. Specifically, as claim 17 recites the term "PVAC," and one of ordinary skill in the art would have known what was meant by PVAC (as evidenced by the '043 patent), this rejection is overcome. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. However, as claims 32 and 33 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants respectfully present that this rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application including the now-cancelled claims.

Accordingly, entry of the amendment, withdrawal of the objections/rejections and passage of all claims to issue are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any additional fee is necessary to make this paper timely and/or complete, it may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account number 19-4375.

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